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PROBE WITNESS' RETURN SOUGHT

Judge Signs Certificate for Mrs. McMaines

Sandra Moffett McMaines, who has described herself as having been a "sort of a party girl," will have a date with the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to testify about an alleged presidential assassination conspiracy if the latest move of the district attorney's office proves effectual.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock Monday obtained a certificate of attendance asking Nebraska courts to compel Mrs. McMaines, who is free on bond in Omaha on a material witness charge, to appear in New Orleans April 18, 19 and 20.

Judge Bernard J. Bagert, under whose charge the grand jury is, signed the certificate, which operates under a uniform act for return of out-of-state witnesses in criminal proceedings. Nebraska has this uniform act, as does Louisiana; and court attaches said Judge Bagert's order makes the former Miss Moffett's return virtually automatic.

She has said that she was at one time in love with Perry Raymond Russo, district attorney Jim Garrison's star witness thus far in his assassination investigation.

DENIES STORY

However, she denies Russo's testimony that she attended a party in 1963 at which retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David William Ferrie allegedly plotted to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Mrs. McMaines is guaranteed from arrest in Louisiana or any other state through which she travels under a certificate of attendance. A check for $246 was drawn to pay for her travel and lodging expenses.

Another inquiry figure, who was indicted for perjury, will be arraigned Friday in the court of Criminal District Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp.

Milton Brener, attorney for Layton Patrick Martens, said his client will plead not guilty to the charge of having perjured himself in grand jury testimony which apparently concerned burglary of a munitions bunker near Houma in August of 1961.

Brener said he will ask for 30 days in which to file special pleadings. Martens, a former roommate of deceased pilot Ferrie, denied lying to the grand jury.

Judge Schulingkamp said he will not issue any formal guidelines for conduct of principals in the Martens case.

"I am willing to rely on the word of counsel that they won't make any extrajudicial pronouncements on the matter of guilt or innocence or other part of the case," he said.

In another development, State Police Supt. Thomas Burbank confirmed a claim made to a newsman by Gordon Novel that Novel sold "bugging" equipment to the state as well as devices to detect such equipment.

Novel, who is sought by Garrison as a material witness, said he sold bugging equipment to the governor's office to "protect the governor from Garrison."

Gov. John J. McKeithen described the claim that he feared Garrison as ridiculous.

The governor earlier confirmed that anti-bugging equipment was bought from Novel after a report was received of an attempt to plant eavesdropping equipment in his office.

Novel was held by Columbus, Ohio, authorities after Garrison's office issued its charge that he conspired to burglarize the Houma munitions bunker with Sergio Arcacha Smith.

McKeithen telephoned the office of Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes and asked, as a personal favor, that the extradition of Novel be expedited so he can make his statements under oath.

McKeithen's office said he talked with John M. McElroy, assistant to Rhodes, and received assurances that when the papers are received there Rhodes will do all he can to push them through.

The application for Novel's extradition was being processed, but had not reached McKeithen's office Monday.

Novel said he was "nowhere near" the scene of the munitions bunker burglary in Houma.

William Gurvich, Garrison's chief aide, gave his reactions to Novel's statements, which were made Sunday morning.

Gurvich said Monday:

"Mr. Novel's pattern is a very strange one. According to the local newspapers his comments to them have been very conflicting.

"First he said the district attorney probably wanted to talk to him about Sergio Arcacha Smith.

"Second, Mr. Arcacha denied ever hearing of Novel.

"Third, Novel stated to the press that the burglary at Houma was a 'patriotic' one.

"Fourth, he wants to return to Louisiana with a guarantee of immunity from prosecution, to which the grand jury and the district attorney have replied 'impossible.'

"Fifth, the latest story given to the press is that he now has witnesses who will testify he was nowhere near the bunker that was burglarized.

"In his press releases, Novel refers only to the Orleans Parish charges and makes no reference to the Terrebonne parish charge."

BURGLARY CHARGED

The district attorney's office has alleged in an affidavit that Novel conspired with Arcacha Smith and Ferrie to commit simple burglary. However, Terrebonne officials have charged Novel and Arcacha Smith with the burglary. The Orleans Parish district Attor-

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